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## Hawaii Children’s Discovery Center

*Where imaginations, adventure take flight*

**Lance Cpl. Regina A. Ruisi**  
*Combat Correspondent*

There is only one place children can go to become a firefighter, travel to India and take a walk through the human stomach in one afternoon. The Hawaii Children’s Discovery Center offers hours of imaginative and educational fun for children and their parents to enjoy, seven days a week.

The Hawaii Children’s Discovery Center in Honolulu, which opened in December 1998, has four galleries with hundreds of different exhibits, all with the goal of entertaining and educating children of all ages.

“We like to think of ourselves as educational,” said Dana Nishiyama, who has been working at the center for four years. “Children learn by playing here. The exhibits are designed with educational intent. We hope children have fun learning.”

The first gallery is “Fantastic You,” where children can learn about different parts of the human body. Children can pump a heart, walk through the stomach, make a skeleton ride a bike and take a step into the human head, seeing how the brain and eyes work. A diner exhibit offers children a chance to learn about nutrition, and a clinic teaches children about their own bodies, how they grow, what they weigh and what body parts look like through an X-ray machine.

When children are done learning about their bodies, they can walk into the next gallery, “Your Town.” In Your Town, children can become a firefighter, postal worker, judge, police officer, grocery store clerk, auto mechanic, bus driver and other jobs that help a town operate.

In the fire house, children learn about the busy lives of firefighters. In the police station, children learn how to dial 911, and in the grocery store, children can either shop or ring up groceries. A full veterinary clinic teaches children about different kinds of animals and allows them to run free and play. Children also get the opportunity to dress up in costumes and perform a play, in charge of their own curtain pulling and lighting. The KKID news station teaches children about the different aspects of the news, allowing them to be an anchorperson, read the weather or control the cameras.

“My sons like the freedom, the chance to run around and go from one scene to another,” said Cindy Owens, as she chased her four and two-year-old sons around the stomach. “I follow them. It’s not like the outside world where you try to keep your kids close to you. It’s very safe.”

On the second floor, visitors enter “Our Rainbow World,” where houses from different countries and cultures are set up. Children can walk into an American front yard and plant different vegetables, walk through an Indian seamstress shop to learn about sewing machines, and even “eat” sushi at a Japanese table. Houses from Portugal, India, the Philippines, Japan, China and Korea show visitors how families from around the world celebrate together.

The final gallery is a Hawaiian display, which teaches children about the history and present of Hawaii. Children and their parents can create an underwater scene, go into the Aloha Tower, board a jet from Aloha Airlines, steer a ship and pick pineapples at the Dole Plantation.

A day at the center costs \$8 for adults, \$6.75 for children two through seven, and is free for children under two. A senior discount is available for adults 62 and over. The entire center promotes the use of imaginations for both children and adults, and provides educational lessons along the way.

“We’re really high on families playing together,” Nishiyama said. “That’s our mission, family interaction. It’s great to see.”



Visitors to Hawaii Children’s Discovery Center in Honolulu can blow big bubbles together in the Hawaiian gallery at the center. The center is hands on and fully interactive, and gives parents and children the chance to have fun while learning.



A grocery store clerk rings up groceries for a shopper at the “Your Town” grocery store in the Hawaii Children’s Discovery Center. The gallery allows children and adults to learn about different jobs citizens of their town have.



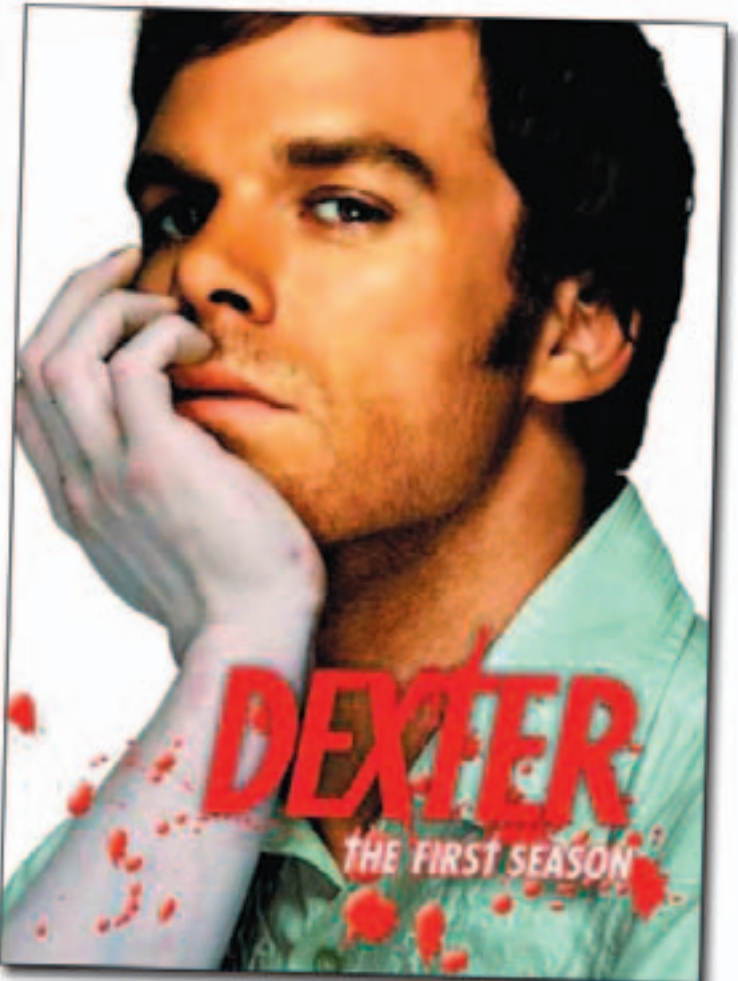
Children of all ages can experience different professions, from judges to bus drivers, in the “Your Town” gallery of the Hawaii Children’s Discovery Center. The center, in Honolulu, is open seven days a week for children and adults to play and learn together.



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REVIEW



A ‘killer’ hit

**Lance Cpl. Regina A. Ruisi**  
*Combat Correspondent*

He’s funny, successful, charming, and completely addicted to blood. That might be why Dexter Morgan is a blood-pattern analyst for the Miami Police Department homicide section. That may also be why he’s a serial killer.

Showtime’s “Dexter” series’ first season brings the thrills of murder and mystery to DVD in a four-disk collection, which is good because once you’ve seen one episode, it’s hard to stop.

The first season collection introduces viewers to Dexter Morgan and follows him through his daily (and nightly) lives as both a “good guy” and “bad guy.”

At first glance, Dexter seems to be your all around upstanding citizen, working to put murderers behind bars, dating a beautiful woman and caring for her two children. It isn’t until Dexter is confronted with a particularly interesting series of killings that his true monster comes out, and the viewer sees Dexter isn’t all he appears to be. He has been secretly and meticulously committing murders throughout the city, claiming the lives of some of Miami’s shadiest characters.

Adopted by a homicide detective, Dexter’s secret bloodlust is recognized early, and his adopted father trains him to channel his violent urges and use them for good.

After years of perfecting his skills, Dexter spends his nights ridding the Miami streets of convicted felons who get out of prison easily, human traffickers, drug lords and fellow murderers.

Carefully trained in leaving a clean crime scene, Dexter never comes close to being caught until halfway through season one, when a skilled serial killer begins taunting him. From that moment on, it becomes Dexter’s professional and personal mission to bring the killer to secret justice.

I’ve always found it thrilling to

root for the “bad guy,” and while Dexter may be a serial killer, his good motives and careful executions are hard to ignore, and I found it hard not to sit on the edge of my seat praying Dexter doesn’t get caught.

Michael C. Hall (“Six Feet Under”) portrays the likable anti-hero well, keeping his secret darkness alive while charming all the while.

A fantastic cast of characters help make the show addicting, adding to the drama, humor and irony of the series.

Those with a queasy stomach or a blood-phobia, be warned: there are a lot of mangled corpses, blood splatters and violence.

Complete with murderers, foul-mouthed cops and a lot of dead bodies, the show’s not one for children, unless parents are trying to give them gruesome nightmares.

But for those who don’t mind a little gore, the series is entrancing.

Based on a series of novels (the first season being based on “Darkly Dreaming Dexter”) by Jeff

Lindsay, the series is captivating, exciting and funny.

“Dexter: The First Season” is the perfect purchase for deploying service members looking for something to keep them busy (or distract them), or for T.V. series addicts who have watched every episode of “Nip/Tuck” or “The Gilmore Girls” they can get their hands on.

The four-disk collection can be found at prices varying between \$27 and \$40, and is worth every penny. For those who want a taste of “Dexter,” without having to pay, edited (lame) versions of the show air on basic cable on CBS Sundays at 10 p.m. eastern time.

Your weekly guide to all aspects of entertainment

Welcome to the Pass In Review, your number one source for cinema, music, videogame and book reviews. The Pass In Review crew consists of more than 10 critics, each with their own idea of what makes a movie, album, game or book great. So be sure to take advantage of the Better Know A Critic section, which spotlights this week’s critics to better help you choose the critic with opinions most like your own. Using our breakthrough four point scale system you can quickly decipher what is worth your time and what isn’t, or read the full review for an in-depth analysis and explanation of the rating. The rating system uses ammunition and range terminology, so if you’re not familiar, here’s a quick breakdown of the ratings ...

1/4 — No Impact, No Idea

Horrendous. Among the worst of the worst in its genre. Dedicating time to this is not only wasteful, but unforgivable. Avoid at all costs.

2/4 — High And To The Right

Mediocrity at its best. Lacks a few things that might have made it really good. A decent time waster, partake only if you have nothing better to do.

3/4 — On Target

Praiseworthy. A great endeavor, not quite an instant classic but still very entertaining. This is a sound investment of your time.

4/4 — Confirmed Kill

Genius. In the top 10 percent of its genre. This is the stuff legends are made of. Missing out on it would be a disservice to yourself.

So, there you have it and we hope you enjoy our weekly reviews. Don’t forget, The Hawaii Marine accepts submissions from its readers so if you consider yourself a film buff, music aficionado, gaming geek or bookworm feel free to submit your own reviews. Or, if you disagree with a review published and want fellow readers to know the real scoop, send in a condensed review and we’ll run it as a second opinion.

Better Know A Critic



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**Corporal Mark Fayloga believes “there are few things in the world better than a good book.”** His love for reading is a direct result of his father’s discipline. “I used to get into a lot of trouble as a kid and the only thing I could do when I was grounded was read. I learned to love it originally just to spite my Dad. Joke’s on me I guess.” He enjoys fiction the most and avoids nonfiction like the plague.

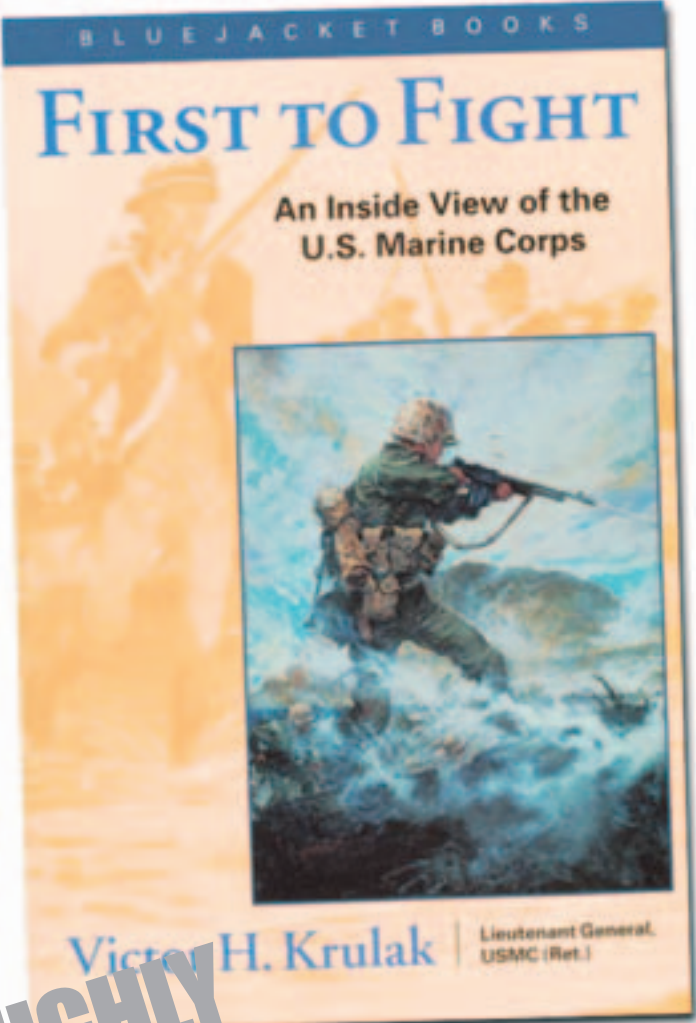
**Lance Cpl. Regina A. Ruisi believes a good film should inspire you.** She’s embarrassed to admit that she loves the flick “Ten Things I Hate About You” and believes all movies should be considered art. She thinks classic Hollywood 30’s and 40’s cinema was the golden age for film because “movies weren’t based around gratuity and special effects, they were based around a good screenplay and good acting.”

Second Opinion “First To Fight” 1 out of 4 (No Impact, No Idea)

What can I say about a book written by a general? From the title and all I heard about the book, I was kind of expecting a slug-fest of action to permeate between the covers. Instead, “First to Fight” gave a history lesson about how our Corps came to be with little action the title implies. It was interesting learning more in-depth history about the origins of the Corps, but the political maneuverings within the book almost drove me to tears of boredom. Learning more about battles during the Vietnam Conflict and the Korean Wars would interest a history nut, and learning how our amphibious role came into being is enlightening. For anyone who reads to become more knowledgeable in the inner workings of the Corps, I would recommend this book, but for anyone who reads as a form of entertainment, for all that’s decent and holy, don’t pick up this book.

— Lance Cpl. Brian A. Marion





HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Book about Corps has bit of something for all Marines

**Cpl. Mark Fayloga**  
*Press Chief*

For me, reading “First to Fight: An Inside View of the U.S. Marine Corps” is much like my life as a Marine. There were swells of pride, bouts with boredom and moments when I had entirely no clue what was going on, yet I pressed forward anyway.

The book, penned by retired Lt. Gen. Victor H. Krulak, comes highly recommended as it holds the distinction of being the only title on the Commandant’s Reading List to be suggested reading for Marines of all ranks.

In “First to Fight,” Krulak presents Marine Corps issues from its inception up through the Vietnam War using historical facts, interviews and personal recollection.

My primary complaint about the book (and reason it didn’t score a 4) is that it reads the way you would expect an officer to write: facts, figures, strategy and history – all things that are really not what I typically look for in a great book. It is the moments when Krulak falls into a

gling to read through technical mumbo-jumbo can be frustrating at times, but is well worth the effort when you do reach a break from Krulak’s officerspeak when he reflects earnestly about his own experiences or retells stories of former Marines and events so intriguing, they should rightly have their own book.

The book touches on pretty much every aspect of the Marine Corps. From its humble beginnings, near demise (on multiple occasions), victorious battles and practices long forgotten (they need to okay Institutional Theft again — our office could really use a coffee maker), Krulak is sure to devote attention to everything.

If you’re looking for a book which touches strictly on any one of the above named, then you will be disappointed. My advice is to simply read along and stay open to where Krulak leads you.

There will be bouts of boredom, but I promise, what you’re looking for is just a few pages away.

There are several copies available at the base library or if you’re looking to buy your own edition, paperback copies can be found for just a bit more than \$10 online.

It may take reading a few chapters worth of strategy and names you’ve never heard of to find a little heart, but once you do it’s well worth it. I usually avoid nonfiction at all times possible, but “First to Fight” is a title I’m glad to have read.

There were times when it was a struggle to make it through the page, but redemption was always just a page away as I learned a new interesting fact, or read about a story that reaffirmed my faith in the Corps’ legacy.

It only makes sense for a book that has something to interest any Marine for it to be recommended reading for all Marines.

TALK\* STORY

\*[tōk stōreɪ] Hawaiian slang for an informal, lengthy conversation. Often used as a method to bond, or a good way to kill time.

Anyone living in Hawaii can’t help being amazed by its beautiful landscape. Waking up to rainbows, driving past scenic beaches, and enjoying the yearlong good weather makes everyone seek to protect it. In the spirit of Tuesday’s celebration of Earth Day, we wondered ...

What do you like best about Hawaii’s natural environment?



The mountains are just extraordinary. The structure is unbelievable, and you can’t see mountains with those kind of rugged ridges anywhere else.

— Sgt. Charles Martin



"I like waterfalls. They look good in the environment."

— Blake Page



"I like Hawaii’s fish because they have all kinds of colors."

— Breckin Page



# Desert Diaries

Lance Cpl. Regina A. Ruisi

Combat Correspondent

Since 1965, the Marine Corps has effectively preserved its history through the Marine Corps Oral History Branch. The corps-wide program is conducted here by Lt. Col. Tim Crowley, the historical program officer, who documents the accounts of Hawaii's service members. The warriors' stories are collected orally and join the ranks of thousands of Marines and Sailors who've come before them, dating back to the Vietnam War.

"Desert Diaries" tells the personal stories of pride and loyalty, humor and sadness, and the glory and horror of America's wars. The stories are provided by the base historian, and are published to help share our warriors' stories with the public.

When Sgt. Thomas Rooney joined the Marine Corps Reserves at 19, he wasn't expecting to go to war. He left for boot camp from Jacksonville, Fla., in July 2001 before the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, and remembers the event clearly.

"At that time we didn't really know what was going to happen," Rooney said. "We knew we were going somewhere, but we didn't know where."

After combat training, Rooney returned to Jacksonville, where he spent the next 18 months trying to become an active duty infantryman. He was finally sent active duty to Hawaii in September 2004, and after two

months of on the job training in the infantry field, his unit was deployed to Afghanistan.

At the time, things calmed down considerably in the country for the Marines, and Rooney was able to sharpen his new infantry skills.

"We were in Afghanistan during fall until the beginning of summer, and there was such a dramatic difference

between summer and winter," Rooney said. "In winter you'd be patrolling through waist deep snow, then walking around in 130 degrees in the summer. The mountains there are brutal, walking up and down them in all the gear."

In Afghanistan, he became a team leader in a line platoon, and returned safely to Hawaii to try out for the scout sniper platoon.

After being accepted to the scout sniper platoon but before receiving training, Rooney's unit deployed again in support of the Global War on Terrorism, this time to the sands of Iraq in 2006.

"There was a lot going on there," Rooney said. "There were a lot of [improvised explosive

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devices.] We lost a few guys there. I think we played a major role, though. Our platoon had quite a few number of kills. We stopped a lot of IED emplacements."

Rooney's platoon's main mission was to stop insurgent IED emplacements. They hid along roadways and observed insurgent action.

"We'd see guys pulling up cars and getting out, shooting at tanks," he said. "We'd see them and engage them. One time we saw two men roll up on a motorcycle and start digging. We engaged them and stopped an IED from being placed."

After his first Iraq deployment, Rooney returned to Hawaii and completed scout sniper

school. In 2007 he deployed again for Iraq, this time as a scout sniper. As a sniper, he provided surveillance and reconnaissance for 3rd Marine Regiment. He helped establish an Iraqi civilian watch, which helped the Marines watch for insurgents placing IEDs.

"It's kind of a gray, fuzzy line between good guys and bad guys because they blend in so easily," Rooney said. "You don't really know who's good or who's bad until they have a weapon pointed at somebody or they're placing an IED. That's where the rules of engagement came into play. You had to be really sure. Being a sniper you can make the call. You have to have positive identification, hostile act and hostile intent. Once you have those, you can go ahead and pull the trigger, but it's on you. At times the rules of engagement tie your hands."

The last deployment brought all the Marines in his unit back to Hawaii, and although Rooney considers that a success, he hasn't forgotten fellow Marines who have been killed in action.

"You've got to keep pushing on because that's what he would do if you were lost," he said. "You can't back down. You have to remember it's what you signed up for. You knew it could happen, you didn't want it to happen, especially if it's a friend, but you can't do anything about it, so you have to keep pushing on. You never forget that person. You remember them. You always remember and look back and laugh, but you have to go on."

## A Day in the Life

Lance Cpl. Achilles Tsantarliotis

Combat Correspondent

Editor's note: A Day in the Life highlights military occupational specialties and Department of Defense jobs throughout the Marine Corps. This series gives appreciation to the thousands of service members, DoD employees and civilians who make Marine Corps Base Hawaii and installation of excellence.

"The priest elevated the host and said, 'This is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.'"

At that moment then Petty Officer 1st Class Richard House felt so empowered he abandoned his Pentecostal upbringing to begin his journey to become a Roman Catholic, then a priest, and eventually a Navy chaplain and share a feeling so strong, a passion so fervent, and a faith so conclusive, that he couldn't see himself doing anything else. Now a Navy Lt., House serves as priest to the Roman Catholic community here.

"I was in Okinawa at the time when I decided I wanted to become a Roman Catholic," House said. "I first enlisted in the Navy as a printer, but was then serving as a Religious Program Specialist. I set about to finish my bachelor's degree, left active duty to earn a Master of Divinity required to become an ordained Roman Catholic Priest. In time I returned to active duty as a chaplain."

House said he was always a religious person and has family members with varying denominations.

"I have Baptists, Mormons and Jewish family members," he said. "And I don't tell any of them they're going to hell, because they don't believe the same things I do. I ponder that God will sort it all out later. If you're on a path, any path, that takes you to a higher level ... to something that takes you out of yourself and exposes you to something higher - then I say stay on that path. But, I ponder when it's all over and done with, we'll all be surprised."

As a Navy chaplain, part of House's role is guidance and counseling, regardless of religion, for distraught or distressed service members, he said. Service members will come in throughout the day to speak with chaplains, a service he balances with his diligent schedule, due to a shortage of Roman Catholic chaplains in the Navy, he said.

"I think there's a shortage because of the uniqueness of being a chaplain in the service," said Chief Kelvin Nicholas, religious program specialist chief, HQBN. "Putting yourself in harm's way discourages a lot of people. It takes someone that's in it for Christianity - you got to be a chaplain first, not an officer. People are more likely going to come for guidance to a chaplain."

"Out of about 900 Navy chaplains, roughly 120 are Roman Catholic," House explained. "We're few and far between, and within five years the numbers will drop. And right now, I'm bouncing around, to [Naval Base] Pearl Harbor to offer service until they get a chaplain, 3rd Marine Regiment - actually, any [military base] that needs Roman Catholic assistance."

Despite being ordained in the largest Christian church - representing over half of all Christians - and one sixth of the world's population, Catholic service members are slowly fading, or losing their appetite to attend mass, House said.

The slowly digressing attendance is likely the result of a few reasons, said Lance Cpl. James Hlavacek, field cannoner, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines.

"The reason I stopped attending church services is because I married outside my religion, and my wife had been married before," explained Hlavacek, who was raised Catholic. "I'm sure a lot of people stop going because they were



Lance Cpl. Achilles Tsantarliotis

Navy Lt. Richard House, chaplain, Headquarters Battalion, takes the podium at the Base Chapel here Tuesday. House abandoned his Pentecostal upbringing after an empowering service.

so used to their church back home, where it was like a family - and here they're in an unfamiliar environment."

Making the church service more appealing is something House works for, he said.

"I'm trying to [revamp] some of the services to make it more appealing for the Marines and Sailors," House said. "I'll ask a group of Marines how many went to church before they joined, and a good amount will raise their hands. I'll ask how many went during boot camp, and nearly all of them raised their hand ... then I'll ask how many go now, and there's not many hands up."

House said low attendance is the main reason in trying to offer new services and make it more appealing, because he believes a true bond, connection and trust are formed spending time with the Catholic community.

"Beginning in July we're going to start having a 'Pizza with the Padre,' after our Sunday evening Catholic Mass," he said. "Just sit with the Marines and talk, have an open discussion - open to anything. It's better to worship as a group, to come together as one, and the Pope might not like this but, I like to say, 'It's not Jesus and me, but Jesus and we.'" "I ponder that we need to gather together as a people of faith, to share our common experiences, but to learn and grow from each other."

## Base housing provides waiting list

Lance Cpl. Alesha R. Guard

Combat Correspondent

The Department of Defense housing policies, which govern the housing application process, are the same throughout the services with small differences within each branch.

Marine Corps policy is as follows: Individuals, with command-sponsored dependents, may apply for housing and be placed on a waiting list once they have Permanent Change of Station orders (advance application). They can progress up the waiting list, but may not be assigned housing until the military member has checked into his/her unit. They are placed on the waiting list based upon their grade and bedroom requirement.

"The overall goal of [MCB Hawaii] Family Housing Department is to provide good housing choices for our Marines and Sailors," said Lydia Caldwell, housing management specialist, MCB Hawaii Family Housing Department.

There are six categories of waiting lists that include junior enlisted E-1 to E-5, staff noncommissioned officer, senior enlisted, company grade officers, field grade officers and senior officers.

"An individual goes on the waiting list based upon the date they departed their previous permanent duty station," said Jess Park, housing manager, MCB Hawaii Family Housing Department. "If someone is [TAD] en route, their eligibility date is still the date they departed their previous permanent duty station. Also, if someone arrives from an unaccompanied tour overseas, they can get up to 12 months credit on the waiting list, appearing to 'jump' on the list."

For those who fail to apply for housing within the first 30 days of arriving on base, their date of eligibility becomes the date of application, Park said.

"Newly married personnel, with command-sponsored dependents, are placed on the waiting list on the date of marriage, provided they apply within 30 days of the marriage," Park said. "Pregnant single Marines and Sailors may go on the waiting list upon doctor's verification of the pregnancy."

There are two other categories of individuals who get priority on the waiting list, including personnel who must live on base as well as members with [Cat IV] Exceptional Family Member dependents, Park said.

"The provost marshal, the facilities officer, or battalion/squadron level commanding officers, go on the waiting list directly below the freeze zone (top 10%) of the list," Park said.

Recently, the commanding officer of Marine Corps Base Hawaii changed the policy affecting priority assignment for inbound battalion/squadron commanders," Caldwell said.

See HOUSING, B-5

## MOVIE TIME

**Prices:** Friday and Saturday 7:15 p.m., shows are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children. Sunday matinee is shown at 2 p.m. Shows are \$2 for adults and \$1 for children. Evening showings on Sunday and Wednesday are at 6:30 p.m. and late shows are shown Friday and Saturday at 9:45 p.m. Cost is \$2 for adults and \$1.50 for children.

For ticket pricing, the Base Theater Box Office defines an adult as a patron 12 and older and defines a child as a patron from 6 to 11. Children 5 and younger are admitted free of charge. Parents must purchase tickets for R-rated movies in person at the box office for children 16 and younger. Patrons must present their military identification card when purchasing tickets. Call 254-7642 for recorded information.

**Sneak Preview Policy:** One hour and 45 minutes prior to the movie, tickets will be issued to first priority patrons waiting in line, then second and third priority patrons.

In an effort to prevent piracy, the following security measures will be enforced on base for sneak preview screenings: bag checks, confiscation of cameras or cell phones with picture taking capability (items will be returned after screening), magnetometer wand, audience scanning with night vision goggles during screening.

The Base Theater and film companies thank you in advance for your cooperation and hope you will enjoy the show. For recorded information, call the Base Theater at 254-7642.

Definitely, Maybe (PG13)  
Witless Protection (R)  
Vantage Point (PG13)  
Semi-Pro (R)  
College Road Trip (G)  
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# SPOTLIGHT ON BASE

## Word to Pass

### Sea Life Park Military Promotions

April is military child month for Sea Life Park. Children 12 and under will be admitted free with paid adult admission.

When you purchase any dolphin interactive program you can choose from a free Hawaiian Ray Encounter or a free sea lion feeding.

May is military appreciation month at Sea Life Park. The park is offering a free Hawaiian Ray Encounter or a free sea lion feeding with the purchase of any dolphin interactive program.

For more information, call John Hobus at 259-2503.

### Mongolian Barbecue

Mongolian Barbecue is now available at Camp Smith's Sunset Lanai every Wednesday from 5:30 to 8 p.m. The barbecue will cost 80 cents an ounce.

For more information, contact Marine Corps Community Services at 484-9322.

### Crafters Wanted for Annual Puohala Elementary School Craft Fair

The 15th annual 'Imi Pono Craft Fair and Concert will be held on May 3, 2008 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Pu'ohala Elementary School. We are looking for crafters for our event.

Crafter fees include a \$10 deposit fee and a booth fee ranging from: \$30 for a lawn area, \$40 for a covered walkway and \$50 for the cafe.

For an application or more information, contact Nita at jwolfgramm@gmail.com.

**“The Bee Movie”**

The Kupulau Child Development Center will show “The Bee Movie,” for free today starting around 7 p.m. The movie is open to all families in the Marine Corps Base Hawaii community.

For more information, contact Youth Activities at 254-7563.

### Mokapu Mall

Mokapu Mall will celebrate its tenth year

here by hosting a 10th Anniversary and Travel Fair Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The mall will have a sidewalk sale and travel fair. The event is open to all active duty, family members and Department of Defense employees.

For more information, contact Christopher Sereno at 254-7563.

### Family Picnic and concert

The Kupulau Child Development center will host a family picnic and the U.S. Marine Forces, Pacific, band Friday from 5 to 6:30 p.m. The event is open to the base community, so bring a picnic dinner, blanket or chairs and enjoy the music. The band will perform at 5:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Tebra Minor at 257-1388.

### Recognition ceremony

The annual Marine Corps Base Hawaii Volunteer Recognition Ceremony will be held April 30 at Kahuna's Ballroom from 9 to 11 a.m. The ceremony will recognize individuals and groups that volunteered here from May 1, 2007 to April 30. A Continental Breakfast will begin at 8:30 a.m., and the U.S. Marine Forces, Pacific, band will perform.

For more information, contact Debbie Hauhio at 257-7786.

### Books and Cookies

Come listen to stories and enjoy cookies with Wally “Famous” Amos at the Base Library April 30, from 3 to 3:45 p.m. The event is open to all military families, sponsored guests and Department of Defense employees.

For more information, contact Merri Fernandez at 254-3890.

### Cinco de Mayo

A Cinco de Mayo celebration will be held at the Officers' club May 2, starting at 4:30 p.m. The event is sponsored by Marine Corps community Services and officers from Combat Service Support Group 3. The event is open to all officers and sponsored guests.

For more information, contact Don Figueira at 254-7650.

## On the Menu

### AT ANDERSON HALL

#### Friday

*Lunch*

Sour braten  
Jaeger schnitzel  
Hot potato salad  
Tossed green rice  
Simmered cabbage  
Simmered asparagus  
Simmered sauerkraut  
Boston cream pie  
Chocolate chip cookies  
Pineapple upside down cake  
Vanilla/chocolate cream pudding  
Strawberry/raspberry gelatin

#### Dinner

Roast pork loin  
Chipper fish  
Mashed potatoes  
Wild rice  
Simmered broccoli  
Corn on the cob  
Applesauce  
Chicken gravy  
Desserts: same as lunch

#### Saturday

*Dinner*

Herbed rock cornish hen  
Country fried steak  
Rice pilaf  
Candied yams  
Herbed green broccoli  
Simmered carrots  
Vegetable gravy  
Chicken gravy  
Pumpkin pie  
Chocolate cookie  
Easy chocolate cake w/chocolate butter cream frosting  
Vanilla/chocolate cream pudding  
Strawberry/raspberry gelatin

#### Sunday

*Dinner*

Yankee pot roast  
Baked ham  
Mashed potatoes  
Boiled egg noodles  
Simmered mixed vegetables  
Simmered pinto beans  
Vegetable gravy  
Dutch apple pie  
Brownies  
Lemon cake w/lemon cream frosting  
Vanilla/chocolate cream pudding  
Cherry/lime gelatin

#### Monday

*Lunch*

Baked meatloaf  
Creole pork chops  
Lyonnaise potatoes  
Noodles Jefferson  
Boston baked beans  
Simmered peas and carrots  
Tomato gravy  
Cheese cake w/strawberry topping  
Cherry pie  
Sugar cookies  
Peanut butter cake w/peanut butter cream frosting  
Vanilla/chocolate cream pudding  
Orange/raspberry gelatin

#### Dinner

Russian turkey stew  
Baked fresh fish w/garlic butter  
Steamed rice  
Simmered corn  
Brussels sprouts parmesan  
Cream gravy  
Desserts: same as lunch

#### Tuesday

*Lunch*

Beef sukiyaki  
Chinese five spice chicken  
Egg foo young  
Chinese fried egg rolls  
Steamed rice  
Pork fried rice  
Fried cabbage  
Simmered carrots  
Chow mein noodles  
Sweet and sour sauce  
Lemon meringue pie  
Lemon cookies  
Strawberry shortcake  
Vanilla/chocolate cream pudding  
Strawberry/lime gelatin

#### Dinner

Creole macaroni  
Baked turkey & noodles  
Mashed potatoes  
Grilled cheese sandwich  
Simmered green beans  
Cauliflower au gratin  
Turkey gravy  
Desserts: same as lunch

#### Wednesday

*Lunch*

Cantonese spareribs  
Country style steak

Red beans and rice  
Mashed potatoes  
Club spinach  
Simmered corn on the cob  
Cream gravy  
Apple pie  
Brownies  
Pineapple upside down cake  
Vanilla/chocolate cream pudding  
Orange/raspberry gelatin

#### Dinner

Savory baked chicken  
Beef pot pie  
Boiled egg noodles  
Mashed potatoes  
Southern style squash  
Simmered peas w/mushrooms  
Chicken gravy  
Desserts: same as lunch

#### Thursday

*Lunch*

Baked lasagna  
Veal parmesan  
Oven glo potatoes  
Simmered carrots  
Italian mixed vegetables  
Tomato gravy  
Garlic toast  
Cherry pie  
Oatmeal raisin cookies  
Marble cake  
Chocolate cream frosting  
Chocolate/vanilla cream pudding  
Orange/strawberry gelatin

#### Dinner

Chili macaroni  
Simmered corned beef  
Parsley buttered potatoes  
Grilled cheese sandwich  
Glazed carrots  
Fried cabbage with bacon  
Brown gravy  
Mustard sauce  
Desserts: same as lunch



## MARINE MAKEPONO

### HAWAIIAN FOR “MARINE BARGAINS”

#### GARAGE SALES

**Three courts garage sale Saturday, 7 a.m.** to noon, rain or shine, Ribilia, Root and Lewis courts on base.

*Ads are accepted from active duty and retired military personnel, their family members and MCB Hawaii civil service employees.*

*Ads are free and will appear in two issues of Hawaii Marine, on a space-available basis.*

*Those interested in advertising must bring a valid DoD-issued ID to the Hawaii Marine Office.*

*Makepono may be used only for noncommercial classified ads containing items of personal property.*

*Forms may be filled out Monday through Friday between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the MCB Hawaii Public Affairs Office located in Building 216, room 19, aboard Marine Corps Base, Kaneohe Bay.*



## Marine Corps Base Hawaii Command Religious Program

### Weekly Services

#### Roman Catholic

Tuesday – Friday - 11:45 a.m. - Daily Mass  
1st Friday of Every Month - 12:15 p.m. - Eucharistic Adoration  
Sunday - 9:30 a.m. - Sunday Mass  
Sunday - 5 p.m. - Sailor – Marine Mass

#### Protestant

Sunday - 8 a.m. - Liturgical Service  
Sunday - 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages  
Sunday - 11 a.m. - Contemporary Service

#### Jewish

Aloha Jewish Chapel Pearl Harbor (Bldg 708) across from Makalapa Medical Clinic  
POC Mr. Daniel Bender, 523-4814  
Monday - 6 p.m. - Jewish Bible Study  
Friday - 7:30 p.m. - Kabbalat Shabbat  
Saturday - 8:15 a.m. - Shabbat Morning Services

### Community Outreach

#### “Feeding the Homeless”

Our next scheduled “Feeding the Homeless” volunteer project will be on Saturday. We will meet at the chapel lanai at 2:30 p.m. and van pool to the Institute of Human services in downtown Honolulu. We will return around 7:30 .m.. The POC is Jessica Broda 351-6531.

#### CREDO Hawaii Spiritual Fitness Center

Located at the MCBH Theater's Courtyard, 257-1919.  
Personal Growth Training - Feb 20-21 amd Mar 8-9.

### Contact Numbers

Recorded message:	257-3552	RPC(SW/AW/FMF) Nicholas:	257-8319
Chaplain Linehan:	257-5138	RP3 Chambers:	257-4463
Chaplain Stroud:	257-1501	Marlene Miller (Rel. Education):	257-1499
Chaplain Cates:	257-8318	Nadine Kurtz (Secretary):	257-3552
Chaplain Hill:	257-2734		

FAX#: 257-5995 MCBH Duty Chaplain: 257-7700

\*The Base Chapel maintains a list of local religious churches and congregations. For information on holiday services, call 257-5138.



# Modest proposals: Simple suggestions save big

**Christine Cabalo**  
*Photojournalist*

Simple suggestions may save big for anyone submitting their ideas to the Marine Corps Beneficial Suggestion Program.

In place since the ‘80s, the program takes cost-saving proposals from any employed civilian or service member. There is no limit on how many suggestions anyone may propose for how to keep the base running efficiently.

“A lot of people think they don’t have time for it,” said former BSP coordinator, Sharon Zauner, administrative management specialist, Base Safety. “Even if it saves the base money, but people at the Business Performance Office can help them. Those who submit something may even win an award.”

Zauner, who worked as the coordinator for four years, said the program encourages suggestions from anyone who sees a way to reduce costs or improve processes aboard the base. She said the best part about her previous job was working with positive-thinking service members and civilians who thought of ways to make the base better.

People can submit their suggestions online or by paper copy. Last year less than 10 people submitted proposals for improvements, and the former coordinator said the office is always looking for good ideas.

“The key is people should understand the intent of the Beneficial Suggestion Program,” said Bill Tourek, business manager, Business Performance Office. “Their ideas need to be above and beyond what’s normally expected of an individual on a day-to-day basis.”

Kurt Uchimura, working at the time as a fuel systems inspector with the Installations/Logistics Department, came up with a quicker way to judge fuel quality. Thanks to his suggestion, fuel inspectors have a reliable way to calculate solid contaminants that degrade



Courtesy photo

quality. When he received an award for his suggestion in November 2006, Uchimura saved the base \$24,000. He now works as a Hawaii Air National Guard master sergeant with the 204th Airlift Squadron.

“His graph made figuring out fuel quality much easier,” Zauner said. “He received \$2,140 as a reward for his work.”

Serving as an aid for those who make suggestions, the BPO sends submissions to the departments that will benefit. Those departments will evaluate whether a suggested improvement may reduce costs or time. Submitters will still receive a thank you letter

from the commanding officer or chief of staff for their idea, even if a submission doesn’t work for the department.

“Some of the suggestions don’t make it because they’re already implemented by that department,” she said. “One person suggested we send basewide e-mails just as the program for it was beginning.”

Workers internationally make suggestions in diverse departments from more efficient computing for promotion to better protection for vehicles in combat. If ideas work on a wider scale, some proposals may take effect for the entire Marine Corps.

Zauner said proposals

should include good evidence of how a suggestion makes impacted departments more efficient without spending more than what the new proposal saves.

“The frustrating thing is there are probably a lot of good ideas out there,” he said. “But people, for whatever reason, don’t choose to submit them.”

For more information about the Beneficial Suggestion program or to fill out a proposal form, log on to <http://www.mcbh.usmc.mil/bri/beneficial.htm>. For specific criteria about submissions, see Base Order 1650.1 online at <http://www.mcbh.usmc.mil/g1/adjutant/Borders.htm>.

## HOUSING, from B-3

“They are now placed on the waiting list, below the freeze zone, upon their arrival at MCB Hawaii vice 180 days before the change of command.”

While MCB Hawaii has housing areas on both the Leeward and Windward sides of Oahu, housing on Windward is primarily for those assigned to Kaneohe Bay, Park said.

“When an individual reaches an assignable position on the waiting list and housing is available at both Windward and Leeward locations, the first offer will be for housing near the work place [for Camp Smith that would be Manana, AMR, or Camp Smith],” Park said. “If the individual turns down the offer, they can indicate they want their second offer at the other location [Windward or Leeward]. They would then wait their turn for the second offer. If they turn down the second offer, they come off the waiting list.”

The Family Housing Department is in charge of housing applications and the corresponding policies and procedures, Park said.

“When an individual reaches an assignable position of the waiting list they are referred to MCB Hawaii’s [Public Private Venture] partner, Forest City, for the actual offer and subsequent assignment to housing,” Park said.

The Family Housing Department has housing counselors available for MCB Hawaii families to provide help and answer additional questions about housing policies.

“Housing counselors process housing applications, manage housing waiting lists and provide current residents with assistance when needed,” Caldwell said. “They make referrals to our private partner for privatized housing; they handle assignment/termination functions for Section 802, Hana Like Housing [government-leased housing]. They provide assistance with loaner furniture and off-base housing referral services.”

Caldwell said the department’s goal is to provide exceptional housing services to their customers by supporting all MCB Hawaii commands.

Housing counselors can be reached at 257-1257 ext 272 or at <http://www.mcbh.ga.fmly.hsg.fmb@usmc.mil>.





# AROUND THE CORPS

## World War II aviators tour base, share past with present pilots

**Lance Cpl. Noah S. Leffler**  
*Iwakuni Approach staff*

**MARINE CORPS AIR STATION IWAKUNI, Japan** — As young men, most barely out of their teens, they answered the call of a country at war. Theirs was a dangerous mission, one that often meant a one-way ticket to an early grave.

Nerves of steel and unwavering patriotism are necessities when you’re staring certain death in the face at several hundred miles an hour.

Today their bodies bear testament to the passage of time. Many are bespectacled with white or silver hair, some walk with canes, one must balance himself on the arm of a peer when getting off the bus. But looking into the eyes of any of these gentlemen reveals that same youthful vibrance, that combination of courage and pride displayed more than 60 years ago in the cockpits of some of the most infamous weapons of World War II.

Members of the Imperial Navy Surviving Aviators’ Association came to tour the air station and share their history with pilots here April 4.

The visit began with a brief and tour of the current Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force headquarters building. There the group posed for a photo before a quick stop at Building 360, once Iwakuni’s headquarters for the Imperial Navy, which now houses station facilities departments.

Next was a windshield tour of the base. A bus took the visitors around the harbor and across the JMSDF flight line, where many curiously watched the Japanese sea planes and helicopters being serviced, taking off and landing.

“We had the opportunity to see operations on the airfield today, and as old memories pulled us we were reminded of ourselves many years ago,” said Jun Takahashi, a former fighter pilot who now serves as the CEO of the Japan Flight League. “We too once committed our lives and went to war in hope of prosperity for our country and happiness for our families.”

The day’s final stop was at the officers’ club, where the former Imperial Navy pilots were welcomed by station Commanding Officer Col. Michael O’Halloran.

“I’ve heard so much about your organization,” O’Halloran told the visitors, some of whom traveled from as far as Tokyo to attend. “We were discussing a couple of months ago your meetings, and I said it would be great if you could come here to Iwakuni to have a meeting. ... We gather today in the spirit of friendship (and) also professionalism.”

“I’m sure that there’s a lot we can learn from each other,” he added.

The large group of U.S. Navy and Marine Corps aviators gathered at the club wasted no time getting to know their guests. Sharing stories and enjoying the camaraderie, two different generations found the common ground that unites fighter pilots both former and present.

“Though they were our grandfathers’ adversaries,

individually they were all warriors,” said Capt. Ernie Drake, Marine All Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 533 F/A-18 pilot. “It was the countries that set us apart. Basically, they fought for their country, just like we’re fighting for our country. That’s the similarity.

I thought it was a unique, once-in-a-lifetime opportunity,” he added. “It’s rare, especially 10 years from now, to be able to speak to a World War II pilot.”



**Tetsuo Kondo, a former World War II Japanese fighter pilot, shakes hands with Lt. Col. Bret Saunders, Marine Aircraft Group 12 F/A-18 pilot, during the Imperial Navy Surviving Aviators’ Association’s visit to the air station April 4.**

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